



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Storisteanu et al.

Serial No.: 09/291,147

Group Art Unit: 2176

Filed: April 15, 1999

Examiner: Yuan, Almari Romero.

For: AN ACTIVEMARK MECHANISM IN A LIVE PARSING EDITOR

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the requirement in 37 C.F.R. §1.2, 37 C.F.R. §1.133, and MPEP §713.04, that Applicants provide a statement of the substance of an interview, Applicants hereby submit the following summary.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner Yuan and Primary Examiner Bashore for taking time from their busy schedule to conduct a personal interview on May 4, 2004, for the above-referenced Application. The interview was courteous and professional, and it is believed by Applicants' representative that prosecution has been advanced by the exchange of viewpoints during this interview.

Concerning the substance of the interview, Applicants' representative presented a summary of the present invention as described, for example, by claim 1 to include a parsing editor that allows the user to set marks in a document. It was submitted that the rejection currently of record, as based on Wodarz, would not seem to reasonably include an "editor", as the plain meaning of this term would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art as implying a user's interaction during the activity described in the claims. That is, Applicants'

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representative submitted that, as a minimum to meet the Examiner's initial burden, the rejection would have to be expanded to include the initial editing process that sets up the links described in Wodarz, and that such expansion would break down under the plain meaning of the claim limitations.

The Examiner indicated that she would consider the Applicants' concerns during her evaluation of the RCE filed on April 29, 2004. The Examiner also indicated in a telephone conversation the following day, that she would provide an Interview Summary with her next Office Action.

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